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GEORGIA DOT CONTINUES SHOULDER REPAIR ON THREE HIGHWAYS IN BARTOW, CHEROKEE AND FLOYD COUNTIES

CARTERSVILLE, Ga. - Georgia DOT crews continue today their work on repairing the shoulders of Red Top Mountain Connector in Bartow County, State Route (SR) 372 in Cherokee County and 20 in Floyd County. Work will proceed daily Monday, October 19 through Thursday, October 22, 2015, from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., weather permitting.

DOT maintains over 4929 miles of road shoulders in Northwest Georgia. Shoulder rebuilding maintenance operations often consist of reshaping continuous sections of road shoulder using a grader or a truck-mounted material conveyor to restore the shoulder to its original condition. This same activity is used for shoulder restoration following resurfacing projects. Safety is a top priority for Georgia DOT.

Highways with well-maintained shoulders have lower accident rates, as they provide space to make evasive maneuvers, accommodate driver error and add a recovery area to regain control of a vehicle. Shoulders also provide structural support to the roadway pavement and help discharge water further from the travel lanes, reducing the undermining of the base and subgrade of the highway.

DriveAlert ArriveAlive calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. ***DriveAlert ArriveAlive*** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA. #ArriveAliveGA For information on the Department of Transportation, visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov>. You also may like us on (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest) and Follow us on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNW>).

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